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SUBJECT:SECOND MEETING OF SUB-GROUP ON ENRICHED

URANIUM SUPPLY (SEUS) OF STANDING GROUP ON LONG-TERM
COOPERATION, APRIL 8-9.1975.

1. SUMMARY: SECOND MEETING OF SEUS, CHAIRED BY HERZIG
(UK), TOOK PLACE APRIL 8-9. REPORT TO SLT ON URANIUM

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AND ENRICHMENT RESOURCES, ASSIGNED AS INITIAL TASK TO BE

COMPLETED BY APRIL 20, WAS DRAFTED AND APPROVED. A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT TASKS FOR SEUS WERE PROPOSED TO SLT, GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE U.S. DELEGATION. MOST DELEGATIONS OTHER THAN U.S. PARTICIPATED ONLY TO LIMITED DEGREE IN DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. SECOND MEETING OF SUBGROUP ON ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLY (SEUS) BEGAN MORNING OF APRIL 8 UNDER CHAIRMAN HERZIG, ATTENDED BY 12 MEMBERS AND EEC (ABSENT WERE AUSTRIA, LUXEMBOURG, IRELAND, NORWAY AND TURKEY). HAUSSERMAN, NEA, REVIEWED INFORMATION SOLICITED TO CARRY OUT INITIAL TASKS ASSIGNED BY SLT (IEA/SLT/74.5) AND NEA COMPILATION OF THIS INFORMATION (IEA/SLT(75)32). EACH MEMBER PRESENT WAS GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON IEA/SLT(75)32. ALTHOUGH COMMENTS WERE GENERALLY FAVORABLE, A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONS AND CHANGES IN PRESENTATION WERE MADE. IT WAS NOTED THAT INFORMATION HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM AUSTRALIA, FRANCE AND SOUTH AFRICA IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE, EACH OF WHICH REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT INPUT TO THE NATURAL URANIUM SUPPLY ANALYSIS.

3. CHAIRMAN HERZIG THEN INTRODUCED A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT TASKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY SEUS (OECD PARIS 08120). EXCEPT FOR U.S. THERE WERE FEW COMMENTS ON HERZIG'S PROPOSALS AND NO ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS OFFERED. U.S. GENERALLY SUPPORTED HERZIG'S PROPOSALS. U.S. PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED NEED FOR ADEQUATE ADVANCE PLANNING TO ASSURE THAT NATURAL URANIUM RESOURCES AND ASSOCIATED MINING AND MILLING FACILITIES WERE AVAILABLE TO MEET PROJECTED GROWTH OF NUCLEAR POWER. THIS IS A MAJOR TASK, CLOSELY EQUIVALENT, IN BOTH LEAD TIMES AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS, TO THAT OF ASSURING AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF ENRICHMENT SERVICES, AND PROBABLY CANNOT BE LEFT EXCLUSIVELY TO THE URANIUM-PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO RESOLVE. U.S. ALSO POINTED OUT THAT UNLESS REPROCESSING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROBLEMS CAN BE RESOLVED, RECYCLING OF PLUTONIUM AND URANIUM WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE, WHICH COULD INCREASE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH NATURAL URANIUM AND ENRICHMENT SERVICES BY AS MUCH AS 30 PERCENT.

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4. WITH REGARD TO EXPANDING, REFINING AND UPDATING THE
INFORMATION DEVELOPED FOR THE INITIAL TASK, IT WAS
GENERALLY AGREED THAT THIS SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED
THROUGH EXISTING NEA GROUPS OF EXPERTS (IN COLLABORA-
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REPORTS ON BOTH URANIUM AND ENRICHMENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND WILL BE AVAILABLE BY THE FALL OF 1975. SEUS COULD DEVELOP ANY SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SPECIFIC IEA USE, EITHER BY REORGANIZING THE NEA DATA OR BY SOLICITING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM IEA MEMBERS IF NEEDED.

5. HERZIG RAISED QUESTION AS TO WHETHER GOING BEYOND IMMEDIATE QUESTION OF URANIUM AND ENRICHMENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND (E.G. ASSURING ADEQUACY OF NATURAL URANIUM FEED AND REPROCESSING CAPABILITY) WAS AN APPROPRIATE TASK FOR SEUS, AT LEAST WITHOUT AN EXPANSION IN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE FROM SLT. OTHER DELEGATES POINTED OUT THAT QUESTION OF NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL WAS AN AREA ALREADY BEING EXAMINED BY R & D SUBGROUP. ALSO, THE QUESTION OF FINANCING NUCLEAR POWER IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT SUBGROUP. (COMMENT: IT DOES NOT APPEAR ON BASIS SUBSEQUENT CLARIFICATION THAT FOREGOING EFFORT IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO GENERAL ISSUE OF FINANCING-- OR REDUCING FINANCIAL RISKS-- TO ASSURE ADEQUACY OF NUCLEAR POWER SUPPORT. GIVEN ITS IMPORTANCE, IT PROBABLY WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ERDA REPRESENTATIVES TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED WITH USG REPRESENTATIVES CONSIDERING FINANCING MATTERS WITHIN IEA).

6. IN THE AFTERNOON, A DRAFTING GROUP (CONSISTING OF HAUSSERMAN, IEA SECRETARIAT, HERZIG, AND U.S., CANADIAN, FRG AND UK DELEGATIONS) MET TO CONSIDER HOW CHANGES IN IEA/SLT(75)32, INCLUDING THOSE DISCUSSED IN MORNING MEETING, MIGHT BE INCORPORATED IN REPORT TO SLT. GROUP ALSO CONSIDERED POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SLT ON SUBSEQUENT TASKS.

7. CLOSING SESSION, MORNING APRIL 9, DEVOTED TO OBTAINING DELEGATION REACTIONS TO DRAFT REPORT. ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF CHANGES WERE SUGGESTED, THEY WERE ALMOST ALL OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE NATURE.

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